

## MEXICO WEEKLY

"To Our Pride In the Past, and Our Hope for the Future, Let Us Add Vigorous Work in the Living Present."

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CHURCHES AND  
SCHOOLS ARE  
A BIG ASSET

The following interesting comment on conditions in Chicago and other contemporary matters were written the Ledger by Col. R. M. White, of Mexico, who is spending his vacation in Evanston, Ill.

EVANSTON, Ill., Sept. 12, 1921.—Evanston is a lovely city of churches, schools, of fine suburban homes, situated on Lake Michigan. Did you ever notice that churches, schools and homes together make the ideal community and that is what makes Mexico ever a lovely home town.

You must support cordially and loyally your churches and schools if you expect the right kind of homes. Starve your churches and schools and you will find a bum town.

A church in New York is to exhibit pictures of the Dempsey-Carpentier fight. A grateful clergyman writes that the exhibition will pay the church's debt. Very desirable. A first class dog fight, properly managed, might also help to pay the church's debt.

Exhibition of the Dempsey-Carpentier moving picture violates a federal law just as a dog would violate a state law. What kind of a home town do you suppose that is? That's like the old idea we had in Mexico that we could not have light, sewers or water or any other improvements in Mexico without thesaloon license, and Mexico today is one of the best towns of its size anywhere in the world. There are not ten men in the city who would vote to have the saloon back if the vote was open. In a secret ballot there might be a dozen.

We know two or three who would like to have the old time open saloon with the upstairs and downstairs and downstairs "trimmings" but they would be ashamed to say so.

Professor Tridon, psychologist, says that 1,750,000,000 human beings, everybody on earth, are more or less criminal. It is a question of controlling criminal instincts. Some do well, some badly. The better off you are, the more easily you control them. We are descendants of savages, those savages in turn were descendants of wild beasts—according to the scientific theory—and their instincts are with us. The war, that made killing not only legal, but honorable, revives the old savagery.

Do you suppose that the reason we can go to work and get back to normalcy? We can't always lay everything on the war. Everybody was not "gassed or shell shocked." Every time a fellow writes a bad check or lies or steals or commits a crime he wants to lay it on the war. That's old stuff. As old as Adam. The war is won and the sooner we all find it out and govern ourselves accordingly the better off we will be.

The jazz and tiddle and profiteering and foolish reckless spending with all of its rotten attending habits is gone and gone forever. Now comes work and service and loyalty to your job whether big or little. Whether you are working with your hands or head you have got to make good. This is the "zero hour" and if you don't think so you are left at the foot, a slacker "absent without leave", a tramp. This country is all right if we will face conditions as they are.

R. M. WHITE.

Mrs. Jasper Stephens Ill. Word was received here Monday that Mrs. Jasper Stephens of Martinsburg, who formerly lived in Mexico is very ill. Mrs. Stephens has been ill for about two weeks but her condition was not considered serious until several days ago.

The Ledger joins Mrs. Stephens' Mexico friends in wishing for her speedy recovery.

**Chautauqua to Continue.** MONTGOMERY CITY, Mo., September 12.—It was announced Saturday that a group of 100 business men will guarantee the return of the Redpath Chautauqua next year, notwithstanding a \$600 loss on the season now being held. It was voted that the moral and spiritual uplift to the town outweighed the financial deficiency. Hundreds of tickets were given away by the public-spirited citizens.

**Dismiss Assault Charges.** The case of Mrs. Nita Tapp of Madison, charged with assault with intent to kill Mrs. Fay Robertson, a clerk in a Moberly store was dismissed Friday. The prosecuting attorney in dismissing the case said he did not feel justified in continuing the case as he knew the defendant would be discharged if it went to a circuit court jury.

CHAUTAUQUA IS  
UNDERWRITTEN  
BY MEXICOANS

That Mexico is to have a chautauqua for next year was definitely decided when forty Mexico people signed the contract Friday for next year. Superintendent Alderson and several Mexico men were busy on the proposition for two days. The tickets for next year have been reduced and will no doubt, sell much better than did the ones this season.

Among the underwriters are: Whatsoever Circle of Kings Daughters.

John Leo Coontz  
J. O. Hall  
E. F. Elliott  
W. C. Cowart  
Dobyns Bros.  
Mrs. Nettie Stephens  
J. W. Dry  
L. M. White  
Mexico Ledger  
Crowns Laundry  
T. J. Hoxsey  
S. P. Cunningham  
Ed C. Offutt  
McPheeters Bros.  
W. S. Doolin  
F. M. Ragsdale  
Dailmeyer  
C. A. Witherspoon  
J. N. Livingston  
R. N. Blakey  
Alonso Pearson  
W. C. Williams  
Frank Bickley  
Major and Carter.  
T. R. Bruce  
Dr. Fred Griffin  
Ira Milligan  
Wm. Pollock Milling and Elevator Co.  
A. P. Green  
F. W. Emerson  
E. E. Wagner  
LaCresce Lumber Co.  
Al Hendrix  
Chal Blum  
Geo. E. Wharton  
Joe Connelidine  
Milton Householder.

Fountain May  
be Installed  
Here Soon

In the will of the late Major Frederick Whitcomb, one thousand dollars was given the city of Mexico for the purpose of erecting a drinking fountain on the Court House square. The will provided that it should be on the southeast corner. The purchase of a suitable fountain has been in the hands of a committee for some time and it is thought action will be taken in the near future on the fixture ordered.

After it is ordered it will take several weeks to install it. The committee have several plans for fountains under consideration and it is not known yet just what kind is to be selected as the most practical for the situation. At the present time consent for the location has not yet been given by the county court but it is understood that it will be when requested.

Such a drinking fountain installed will fill a long felt need in this city for such an arrangement.

**To Help Unemployed.** Governor Hyde announced Monday that he had released \$10,000 for the new cattle barn and \$100,000 for the new hospital buildings to be erected at State Hospital No. 1, Fulton. Work will start at once and the Governor believes this will furnish work for many unemployed men.

**High Birth Rate in August.** Twenty-two births and four deaths have been recorded in the office of Wallace Dearing, local registrar of Salt River Township, during the month of August. These numbers are unusual, according to Mr. Dearing, because of the large number of births and the correspondingly low death rate.

**The Studebaker Price Cut.** A reduction in price of the "light six" Studebaker motor cars ranging from \$150 to \$180 was announced late Thursday. There is no reduction on the "special six."

**Marriage License Granted.** A marriage license was granted Monday in the recorder's office to Hugh J. Williams of Benton City and Miss Alice V. Clement of Wellsville.

Mrs. Wayland Jameson and son, Leland, of Fulton, who have been visiting in Mexico, have returned home.

FRED NAYSMITH  
WILL SUCCEED  
JUDGE GATSON

A dispatch from Jefferson City Tuesday announced the appointment by Governor Hyde of Fred Naysmith of Vandalia as Judge of the county court of Audrain County for the Eastern District. Mr. Naysmith will succeed John S. Gatson who resigned to take up his duties as postmaster of Vandalia.

The appointment of Mr. Naysmith was a surprise to Mexico people who had not learned of Mr. Gatson's resignation. Mr. Gatson, who was elected judge in November had told some of his Mexico friends that he would not resign his judgeship but would continue until the end of his term even if he did so without pay. He has left an excellent record behind him and his many friends in Mexico were sorry to learn of his resignation.

Mr. Naysmith is a farmer near Vandalia and has a large number of friends in Audrain County.

GOV'T. SENDS  
DRAFT LIST  
FOR AUDRAIN

Postmaster Jackson received a list from the government Monday with the names of those charged with evading the draft during the recent World War. It has been found that many men are charged with draft evasion who enlisted before they were drafted and because this fact never came to a draft board's attention the man, though in service, was listed as a draft evader.

Since the publication of these lists many men have come forward and shown their service records and proven that while they were listed as draft evaders they in truth were in service doing their part to win the war.

We trust the army will prove as regards the men from Audrain and that our publication of the list may clear their record. The list Postmaster Jackson has is as follows and is of men who registered here:

Edgar Virgil Green, New Franklin, Mo.  
Alex McGoin or McCain, Route 2, Mexico.  
James Cornelius Murphy, Mexico.  
Charles Swindle, Thompson.  
Charles Taylor, Route 7, Mexico.  
Walter Pete Tyler, Railroad street, Mexico.

Robert Van Noy, Vandalia. The name "R. Van Noy" appears on the list of the men named in the Court House as having served in the war. A call to the Vandalia Mail could not bring us any information regarding Robert Van Noy other than he was not in that city.

Vacancies at  
Hardin For Year  
Are All Filled

Monday was a busy day at Hardin College for day students were registering and some of the students from out of town were arriving. The number of day students was unknown Monday evening for instructors were too busy registering students to make full reports. It is the general opinion however that the number of day students this year will compare favorably with other years.

Applications for reservations at Hardin College were being received by telegraph and special delivery letters as late as this morning. The college is full now and there is a small waiting list. This is unusually good this year when owing to the financial conditions of the country, many who would have attended junior colleges have been unable to do so. A few day students have already arrived but the large crowd will come in tomorrow.

**Cut Rates On Stock.** WASHINGTON, September 14.—Reductions by Western railroads in rates on cattle, hogs and sheep, in the opinion of the Interstate Commerce Commission will prove of material benefit to the Western live-stock raisers, who have been heavily affected by the rapid decline in live stock prices since July, 1920.

Under the new tariffs, practically all rates from points west of the Missouri River to Chicago and from all points west of the Rocky Mountains to the Missouri River, will be reduced in amounts ranging from 1 to 25 cents a hundred pounds.

## The Corn Show

Ledger has always been in favor of a corn show and is glad preparations are underway at this time to hold a big one in Mexico in the Fall of 1922.

In the meantime there is a lot doing along the entertainment line for the people of Audrain county.

There is the Circus Thursday, the three day's Round Up and then the picture show in Mexico.

A little recreation for every man that works hard is a fine thing.

F. Mitchell White

## Farm Club Notes

## FARM CLUB MEETINGS

(Send us your dates)

CECILE GROVE FARM CLUB—Every Thursday night.  
BEAVER DAM FARM CLUB—Every Friday night.  
Molino meets every other Friday night.

William Hirth, of Columbia, who recently addressed the Farm Clubs of Audrain County at a meeting in Mexico, writes the Ledger—the following interesting letter correcting a quotation we made from his address which was inadvertently quoted incorrectly. We are glad to make this correction and produce Mr. Hirth's letter in full. His communication follows:

Columbia, Mo.  
September 7, 1921.

The Mexico Ledger,  
Mexico, Missouri.  
Gentlemen:—

A copy of the Ledger giving the details of the recent organization of the Audrain County Farmers' Association has come to my attention and when you say that in my address I told the farmers of the mass convention that their success "would depend upon co-operating with your merchants"—or words to that effect—I think your reporter inadvertently put me in a somewhat incorrect light. I did say and now repeat that there is no occasion for the slightest friction between the Farm Clubs and the Mexico Chamber of Commerce and as evidence of my attitude in these premises I said that I saw no reason why the two organizations should not join in the proposed Agricultural Products Show, etc. Likewise there are other broad community interest in which both farmers and townspeople may act hand in hand to their mutual advantage—but what I object to in your article is the impression it may have given to farmers who were not present at the meeting on the evening of August 23rd and who may therefore very easily have drawn to the conclusion that in my opinion the success of the present farm organization movement is limited by mere co-operation with local merchants, etc., for is this true few farmers would take the Farm Clubs seriously. On the contrary, the real goal of the Farm Clubs is to get control of the marketing of the farmers' grain, livestock, produce and cream and in the light of this effort all other things become collateral and incidental. And if we shall succeed, then it will mean much not only to the farmers of Audrain County but also that the farmer will have more money to spend for merchandise and more to deposit in the local banks. I need not say to you that farming is the biggest business in Audrain county and that therefore we ought to have the sympathetic friendship of your business men so long as our plans are fair and wholesome. And that the Farm Clubs are friendly rather than otherwise to the country town is evidenced by the fact that we do not go into the merchandising business but are content to leave this field to the legitimate middleman. I know that the Ledger is genuinely friendly to the farmers of Audrain county and feel therefore that you will be glad to give space to this letter.

Thanking you in advance for this courtesy, I am  
Sincerely  
WILLIAM HIRTH.

Henry Dean resigned his office as treasurer of the Audrain County Farm Association at a meeting of the Board of Directors Saturday afternoon and was re-appointed by the executive committee. Mr. Dean had formerly been appointed by the board of directors but the matter really came under the jurisdiction of the Executive Committee.

At the next meeting of the Farm Association, the matter of a corn and farm products will be put on by the Farm Association in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce. Judge Groves believes that such a show which will make special effort to interest the

boys' and girls' clubs will be of very great value to the county.

The weather interfered somewhat with the attendance at the annual farmers' picnic which was held Wednesday at Friendship, eight miles north of Centralia. Farmers from four countries which meet there were represented.

William Hirth of Columbia, who is the founder of the organization, made the principal address of the day. Music was furnished by the Centralia orchestra. Among the Mexico people who attend the picnic were Judge Groves, Judge Carter and Henry Dean, who are officers of the organization.

Sheriff Arrests  
3 With Booze  
Near Mexico

Elmer Jeffries withdrew the plea of not guilty that he made Wednesday morning and entered a plea of guilty Wednesday afternoon. He was fined \$1,000 and sentenced to a year in jail. The two negroes on default of raising their bond have been placed in the county jail.

Elmer Jeffries, white, and Willard Johnston and Clifford Lee, colored, were arrested at 4:45 Wednesday morning driving a Ford car loaded with fifteen gallons of whiskey. They were arraigned before Circuit Judge E. S. Gantt Wednesday morning and pleaded not guilty, declaring the five-gallon cans contained water. The case was set for September 21 and bond set at \$500 each.

Sheriff C. L. Blum received a tip Tuesday afternoon that an attempt would be made to bring whiskey into Mexico Tuesday night from St. Charles. Accompanied by J. E. Blum, Jim Ford and W. E. Mitchell he rode out on the highway past the Country Club and stopped his car about a mile and a half from town. They blocked the road with their cars and waited until early Wednesday morning when the arrests were made.

It is the opinion of Frank Hollingsworth, prosecuting attorney, that the practice of violating the liquor law will continue as long as offenders are merely fined.

J. D. HOISTETTER AND  
J. M. BIGGS TO AD-  
MINISTER ESTATE

J. D. Hostetter of Bowling Green and J. M. Biggs of Vandalia have given bond of \$9,000 for the administration of the estate of W. O. Hostetter. The bond has been approved and letters testamentary issued.

The will provides that the property in Audrain County will go to Mrs. Hostetter during her lifetime and after her death will go to the children as follows: Sue May Hostetter, Emma O. Spears, Emma Fay Tanner, Nadine Edwards, and Thelma Hostetter. A bequest of \$1,000 was made to Mr. Hostetter's grandson, Glen M. Hostetter.

200 DEMOLAYS  
WILL GIVE PARADE  
HERE THURSDAY

About two hundred Demolays from Kansas City will arrive in Mexico Thursday on a special train. They expect to give a parade with exhibition drill and a band concert before leaving. Time of arrival will be between 5:30 p. m. and 6:00. These boys represent one of the greatest movements that has ever been organized. It is sweeping over these United States, and has already been taken up in other countries.

**Lightning Strikes Tank.** A 55,000 gallon oil tank of the Prairie Pipe Line Co., at Wellsville, was struck by lightning Wednesday morning and set on fire. It had about 10 feet of oil in it but most of this was pumped out and the fire extinguished shortly afterward. The smoke from the fire could be seen in Mexico.

Mrs. R. E. See is home from an extended visit in St. Louis.

Ed Williams is home after a most successful season on the Chautauqua stage.

Curtis Mitchell went to Fulton Sunday where he will attend Westminster College this year.

Mrs. W. E. Blattner of Fulton, who has been visiting her son, W. C. Blattner of Mexico, returned home Friday.

Mrs. Roy Mayhew and her twin daughters, who have been visiting in Mexico, has returned to her home in Fulton.

EDITOR WARNS  
MASONS AGAINST  
JOINING KLAN

The Missouri Freemason, a weekly journal of Masonic news and teachings published in St. Louis, in a leading editorial in a recent issue attacks the Klu Klux Klan. According to the St. Louis Star it says that a Freemason who joins the Klan violates his oath as a Mason, and recommends that the question of Masons joining the Klan be brought up and acted upon by the grand lodge of the Missouri order at its centennial meeting and celebration to be held in St. Louis September 17 to 22.

Frank R. Jesse, formerly of Mexico, Mo., secretary of the grand lodge of Missouri, when asked by a reporter whether action would be taken against the Klan at the coming centennial meeting, said he knew of no action having been determined on at the present time.

"I do know, however, that the grand lodge would oppose the use of Freemasonry to further the interests of the Klu Klux Klan or any other outside order," Jesse said. "The Masonic order keeps out of political, religious and racial questions. The only religious qualification necessary to become a Mason is belief in God. A man may be a Roman Catholic or adhere to any other Christian denomination and be eligible. He may be a Jew, or even a Mohammedan, but if he believes in God he is eligible to membership."

Mexico Pastor  
Will Wed Montpelier Vt. Girl

The engagement of the Rev. W. C. Cowart, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of this city, and Miss Louis Morrill, of Montpelier, Vt., was announced by the mother, Mrs. Mary S. Morrill, at Montpelier, Vt., September 6. The wedding will take place some time next month it is understood.

Miss Morrill is a graduate nurse and during the war served both in this country and abroad with the American Red Cross. For a time after her discharge she was in this city as public school nurse. Several months ago she resigned and has since been in her home in Vermont.

Rev. Cowart was recently appointed to fill the local pastorate for another year. Ten many friends of both he and Miss Morrill join the Ledger in extending congratulations.

## HATTON—CONCORD.

Samuel Muir is attending High School in Fulton this year. — There will be a pie supper at the Atkinson school house Friday night. Everybody is invited. — Tom Bailey lost a mule with lock jaw the past week. — Collie McPheeters had a lumber sale and was well attended. — Frank Muir was a business visitor in Fulton Saturday.

Mrs. Swan is the guest of Mrs. Chas. Claybrook.

**Case Goes to Jury.** The case of Cicero Murphy against Larens Williamshorst went to the jury Tuesday afternoon but no decision has yet been reached.

C. W. Peterson has returned from St. Louis where he has been under treatment.

Carter Norris of Fulton spent the week-end in Mexico.

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Mrs. M. E. Gilbert who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. Clay McGregor of Fulton, returned home Friday.

Mrs. Roy Mayhew and her twin daughters, who have been visiting in Mexico, has returned to her home in Fulton.

W. C. Gray and Miss Nellie Gray of Farber were in Mexico Saturday.

C. T. GUY IS  
SENTENCED TO  
PENITENTIARY

C. T. Guy, defendant in the case of the State of Missouri versus C. T. Guy for alleged statutory violation, was found guilty by the jury late Friday afternoon. The sentence was fixed at five years in the state penitentiary. The jury was out one hour and a half.

A motion for a new trial was filed Friday evening at 9 o'clock in the Circuit Court by the Guy attorneys and a hearing will be given October 14. Bond of \$4,000 was set for the defendant and was provided for immediately.

Friday was the third day of this case which has been attracting so much attention in this city. The testimony was concluded Friday morning and in the afternoon the attorneys presented their arguments before the jury. The jury went out about five o'clock and were out just one hour and a half. Friday afternoon the court room was packed with a large number of curious men and women. Standing room was at a premium during the latter part of the trial.

Members of the jury were: Clarence Stevens, E. Pratt, J. R. Maxwell, S. G. Emmons, George L. Kemp, J. L. McIntyre, J. C. Proctor, W. B. Graves, J. W. Peck, F. E. Eller, P. H. Cauthorn, John Turner.

Sims Rixey  
Will Teach In  
Fulton College

Sims Rixey, of this city will leave soon for Fulton where he has accepted a position assistant to the president of Synodical Ladies College and instructor of Harmony and History of Music in the Conservatory of music of that institution.

Mr. Rixey was an instructor in the Missouri Military Academy in this city last year and is a young man of unusual talent and ability. While in Fulton it is understood that he will attend Westminster college in spare hours.

The Ledger joins his many friends in wishing him the best of luck in his new location.

B.A. Powell Hit  
by Automobile  
Sat. Evening

B. A. Powell, a contractor, was struck Saturday night at the corner of West Monroe street and Western Avenue by a car driven by John Horton, who lives six miles from Mexico. Mr. Powell, who was in a buggy was thrown out on the pavement and knocked unconscious.

Mr. Horton stopped and Mr. Powell was taken to his home on West Whitley Street. The extent of his injury is not yet determined but Mr. Powell rested easily Sunday and was better Monday morning. The Ledger joins Mr. Powell's many friends in hoping for his speedy recovery.

Ray Davis and Susie Goff Marry. The marriage of Ray Davis of Vandalia to Miss Susie Goff of Centralia took place at 11 o'clock Monday morning at the home of George Clark, justice of the peace, who performed the ceremony.

**Districts May Merge.** Five school districts in the southwest part of Monroe County will vote soon on the question of consolidation into one district. Petitions were signed by 171 persons although only 25 were required.

**153 Cases on Docket.** The docket for the October term of the Boone County Circuit Court is one of the heaviest that the court has ever had. One hundred and fifty three new cases will be called.

Mrs. W. H. Jameson and son, Albert Leland, of Fulton came to Mexico Saturday to visit Mrs. Jameson's sister, Mrs. L. L. Dean.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Botts, of Chicago, are the guests of Mrs. R. E. See and Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell White, Fulton.

W. H. Gallop, of Middletown, Ohio, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Gallop, of this city.